

AUGUST 30, 2026 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sacred Heart Church | 321 9th Street, P.O. Box 377, Heron Lake, MN 56137 | Sunday Mass: 8:00 am
Sacred Heart Church | 516 10th Street, P.O. Box 187, Brewster, MN 56119 | Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Church | 532 17th Street, P.O. Box 39, Windom, MN 56101 | Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 1 - 6, 2026

1	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Francis Bartosh
2	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Leonard T & Mary Ann Leopold
3	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Leo & MaryAnne McNab
4	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Colleen Ortmann
5	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
6	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Cletus Freking
6	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Orville Cook

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASSES: Brewster— Thurs. and Sat.; Heron Lake—Wed. and Sun.; Windom—Tues. and Sun.

Know that our pastor includes all of us in his daily prayers and private Mass intentions.

If a Mass is cancelled, our pastor will include that scheduled Mass Intention at his private daily Mass. If you prefer it be rescheduled, please let your respective parish office know.



TRI PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Pat Weir
- Lanette Horkey
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Todd Hines
- Amber Determan
- Margaret Juhnke
- John Zschetsche
- Roxann Irwin
- Briar Rose Smith
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Joann Polzine
- Joe Rivera
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Mike Stone
- Teresa Pudenz

- For an end to abortion
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For the souls in purgatory
- Residents of Sogge Home, Mikkelsen Manor, Remick Ridge
- Residents of Pine View and Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the victims of the unrest in the region of the Holy Land

TRI PARISH INFORMATION

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This week's readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Next week's readings:

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

The Eucharist and the Forgiveness of Sins

Does the Eucharist forgive sins? Certain sins, yes. Read ahead and learn about the Eucharist, forgiveness, and sins.

One of the greatest blessings and least known facts about the Eucharist is that, in the reception of Holy Communion, a person's venial sins are forgiven.



The Eucharist is one of four sacraments that imparts the forgiveness of sins. The waters of baptism wash away all prior sins. Both sacraments of healing – reconciliation and anointing – also grant forgiveness. The sacrament of reconciliation grants the absolution of both mortal and venial sins, and it offers God's pardon and peace. And the instruction to the sacrament of anointing says, "If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (see James 5:15).

When we attend Mass, even if we have not committed a mortal sin, we still have blemishes on our souls, the venial sins that we have committed. Some of these sins may be smaller, others may be larger, but they offend God and alienate us from his son Jesus and the body of Christ, the Church. A person with venial sins is still in the state of grace, and he or she is not only eligible to receive holy Communion, but also is encouraged to receive holy Communion. Then, when we receive the Eucharist, "Holy Communion separates us from sin...the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1393). When Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist, he wipes away our venial sins (see No. 1394).

Jesus made the Eucharist-forgiveness connection at the Last Supper when he took a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood...which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). The first generation of Christians considered the gift of forgiveness in the Eucharist to be a foundational belief: "by his blood...[we have] the forgiveness of sins previously committed" (Romans 3:25); "the blood of...Jesus cleanses us of all sins" (1 John 1:7); and, "Jesus Christ...has freed us from our sins by his blood" (Revelation 1:5).

The teaching that sins are forgiven in the reception of the Eucharist is reaffirmed in other writings and the words of the liturgy. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) referred to the Eucharist in a homily on Corpus Christi saying, "No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away." Preface I of the Most Holy Eucharist in the Roman Missal says, "As we drink his blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean."

It is important to make a distinction when it comes to the forgiveness granted through the reception of the Eucharist: venial sins are forgiven, but mortal sins are not. The Catechism teaches, "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sin – that is proper to the sacrament of reconciliation" (No. 1395). St. Paul explained the danger of receiving holy Communion when a person is separated from God and neighbor: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 11:27).

A person with mortal sin is not in the state of grace, and the path to holy Communion is to approach the sacrament of reconciliation first, receive sacramental absolution, be restored to the state of grace, reestablish full communion with the Church, and then receive holy Communion.

When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus extends to us his love, compassion, mercy, healing grace, pardon, and peace. He offers a new beginning, strengthens us in the battle against future sin, and nourishes us to live a virtuous and holy life.

(Written by Father Michael Van Sloun, in [The Catholic Spirit](#), June 21, 2018, page 15).

Electric Motors

Do you have any electric motors that are lying around, and you would like to be rid of? Even with the passing of my father, I would be happy to take any electric motors. You can leave them by the rectory garage in Slayton, or I can pick them up at any of the parishes. Thanks!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

If you wish to follow Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow. Are you courageous enough to follow as a priest or deacon, brother, or sister?

(Matthew 16:21-27)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - September 6, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Samantha Krumbach Katherine Krumbach	Marcus Hoppe
LECTOR	Thomas Krumbach Melanie Krumbach	Tim Jenniges
CANTOR		Nadine Forman
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CONTRIBUTIONS	Kraig Leopold Sharon Leopold Jason Freking Tracy Freking	Tom or Sherri Zimmerman Candy Riordan
SACRISTAN		Nadine Forman
ROSARY	Marsha Edwards Judy Anderson	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Riordan
GREETERS		John & Tami Anderson



	Brewster 8/22	Heron Lake 8/23	Windom 8/23
Week 08/52	\$ 2,091	\$ 1,498	\$ 2,834
YTD	10,862	47,419	17,479

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS-50%
BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN-50%
AUGUST 23**

Brewster	\$
Heron Lake	\$ 181
Windom	\$ 267

The Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the U.S. and its territories in 85 Latin & Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Native American peoples of the United States.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

1st Sunday of each month

11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier, Windom



2nd Saturday of each month

4:00-4:45

Sacred Heart Church, Brewster



Confession is first Sunday during Adoration in Windom

Confession is 1/2 hour before every Sunday Mass (7:30 am) at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake

Confession is 1/2 hour before every Saturday Mass (4:30 pm) and during Adoration second Saturday at Sacred Heart, Brewster.

QUINCEANERA

"Is there a Quinceanera in your near future? This is a reminder that we need at least three (3) months notice for this celebration. For more details and requirements, please contact the office.

¿Hay una Quinceañera en tu futuro cercano? Este es un recordatorio de que necesitamos al menos un aviso de tres (3) meses para esta celebración. Para obtener más detalles y requisitos, comuníquese con la oficina."

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

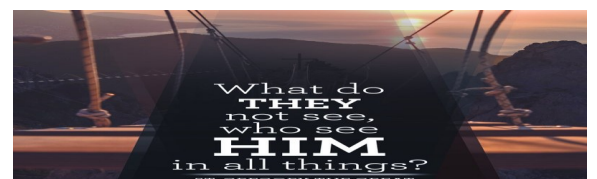
MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact the priest 6 to 12 months in advance of the date of marriage to fill out the forms, to do FOCCUS Test and to attend Marriage Prep Mentoring sessions. Please contact your parish office, if interested.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the parish office a month in advance to fill out the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring Sessions.



On Saturday, July 25th Ciera Visker was united in Marriage to Austin Yonker. They reside in Windom, MN.

On Saturday, August 8th Gracie Bucher was united in Marriage to Conner Redmond. They reside in Windom, MN.



BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **2ND SATURDAY of the month**. The next Adoration is **September 12th** from 4:00-4:45.

THE AUGUST COURIERS are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick yours up. Thank you.

The **Finance and Pastoral Councils** will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30. Please attend.

Winona -Rochester Diocesan **CCW** will meet at St. Theodore Catholic Church in **Albert Lea** on Saturday, **October 10th**. Please contact Bev if you would like to attend.

We are in need of **two catechists** for our Faith Formation program. Grades Kindergarten and 9th grade First Year prep for confirmation are in need. Parents, please remember, you are your children's first and utmost teachers. You need to make sure your child has the opportunity to complete their Faith Formation classes, so they will understand and accept our Catholic Faith. Please give your time to help our children develop this. Let Molly know that you will be a catechist for either grade. Thank you.

RECENT CHANGES HAVE taken place with the Catholic Foundation (CMA). Checks should be made payable to : **Diocese of Winona-Rochester**. It is very helpful if donors include **CMA- Brewster in the memo line**. The CMA appeal, as always, remains a tremendous benefit for our parishes when goals are met and overage funds are returned.

There will be **CONFESSION AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS**.

SECOND COLLECTION for Joseph Bar-tosh on today, August 30th.

MEETINGS: Pastoral & Finance Councils will meet on **Wednesday, September 16th** starting at 6:45 PM.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION for the 26-27 school year is now available to pick up at church entrance. Please return registrations to Judy Stenzel or the office by September 13th. Registration \$20 per child with a \$50 cap per family.

COF STEAK FRY will be on Sunday, September 20th, 4:30 PM at Steger Hall. \$5.00 for COF members and burgers are free to those who do not want steak. You **NEED** to reserve a steak to get a steak! Please call Kevin Leopold 507-793-2894 or Dennis Salentiny 507-360-1910 to reserve your steak.

A BOX OF JOY may be the only Christmas gift a child in need receives. Please help your CCW with this project by picking up a Box of Joy from the church; fill it and return it to the rectory by October 20th. A list of gift item suggestions & instructions can be found next to the boxes in church entrance. They have requested that a rosary be included in each box. The postage will be paid by CCW.

WINONA-ROCHESTER DIOCESAN CCW will be holding a meeting at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Albert Lea on Saturday, October 10th. Sign up sheets available on tables.

The **SOUTHWEST AREA DIOCESAN CCW** is looking for a Commission Chair. A commission chair reads a report from the Diocesan newsletter at each area meeting. They are, also, looking for the position of Vice President. They would like to return to a 2 year term. If interested contact the office or Barb Hus-song.

PHONE/ADDRESS UPDATES: Please let Melanie know if you have any updates to addresses or phone numbers that may be out of date in the system or directory. Thank you!

RECENT CHANGES HAVE taken place with the Catholic Foundation (CMA). Checks should be made payable to : **Diocese of Winona-Rochester**. It is very helpful if donors include **CMA- Heron Lake in the memo line**. The CMA appeal, as always, remains a tremendous benefit for our parishes when goals are met and overage funds are returned.

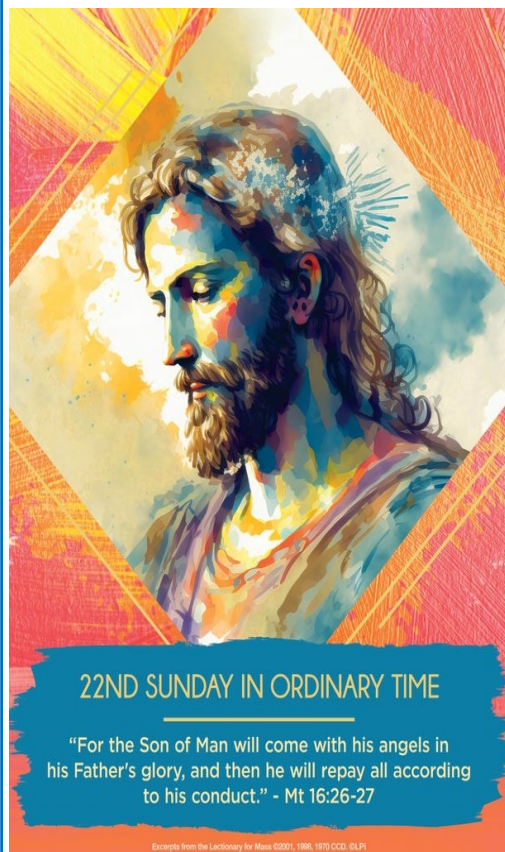
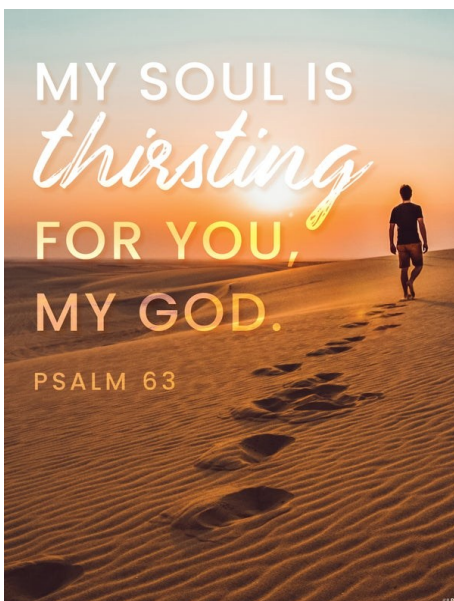
ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered the **1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**. The next Adoration is **September 6th** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

CMA GOAL is **\$13,526 Pledges to date are \$16,877.58**. Please continue to give as overages come back to our Parish.

PHONE/ADDRESS UPDATES: Please let the office know if you have any updates to addresses or land lines to cell phones that may be out of date in the system or directory. You can call the office or email your updates to secrea-tryfrancis2024@gmail.com Thank you!

We are **STILL seeking** a 3rd & 4th grade, also 5th grade teacher for Faith Formation. Just a friendly reminder to submit Faith Formation forms as soon as possible to the office. Mark your calendars **September 16th at 6:30 there will be a Parent-Student kick off and mandatory meeting**. We want to celebrate the beginning of another year with a meal being provided.

CMA-Checks should be made payable to : **Diocese of Winona- with CMA-WINDOM in the memo line**. Envelopes are available at the church entrance on the little table.



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: Reconciliation continues to be available. All are encouraged to continue coming to confession throughout the year; or return to the sacrament of reconciliation.

DON'T MISS THE JOY THE LORD WANTS YOU TO HAVE!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available in the tri-parish, during adoration, on the 1st Sunday in Windom from 11-12 AM, also in Brewster on the 2nd Saturday from 4:00-4:45 PM and in Heron Lake before Mass on Sundays at 7:30 AM. Reconciliation is also before Mass on Saturdays at 4:30 PM in Brewster.

Remick Ridge Estates is looking for an individual or couple who would like to lead a weekly Bible Study for our residents. We are open to dates/times. Please call Brenda at 507-831-0745.

Mikkelsen Manor invites all seniors to join us Fridays at 2:00 pm for Bingo fun with our residents! Call Brenda with any questions, 507-831-0745.

Intinction is the practice of dipping the host into the Precious Blood (the chalice). It has come to my attention that a few people are practicing self-communicating which means the person receiving Holy Communion takes the host, carries it to the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who is distributing the Precious Blood, and dipping the host into the chalice on their own. This practice is not allowed in the Catholic Church. The theological reason for this stems from the Church's tradition to receive rather than take the Eucharist. Also, this practice prevents the possibility of the Precious Blood dripping onto the floor after the host has been placed in the chalice and transferred to a person's tongue. Thus, moving forward, I would ask anyone receiving Holy Communion to receive the Precious Body and Precious Blood from the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Thanks, Father Peter Schuster.



Walk Together in Hope

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 8:30 A.M.

ST. THEODORE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALBERT LEA, MN

8:30 am	Doors Open - Breakfast - Rochester Medical Mission dropoff
9:00 am	Welcome and Business Meeting
9:30 am	Morning Speaker, Marilyn Baker, Trauma Reboot
10:30 am	Break & Vendors
11:00 am	Mass
12:00 pm	Lunch & Vendors
12:45 pm	Leadership Training
	St. Paul and Minneapolis ArchDiocesan "On the Road" Crew
3:45 pm	Announcements - Drawing for Door prize(s)/Cupcake winner

Speaker: Marilyn Baker, Trauma Reboot Program

Trauma Reboot, is a 12-week in-person or online program of healing through Christ. As a retired registered nurse, Marilyn, along with Kathy Schumann, has helped coordinate this program in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester with hope to expand across the diocese. They assist others heal from traumas while in a Christian setting.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Regarding the weekday Mass schedule; funerals and vacations scheduled intermittently may affect weekday Masses and there may be cancellations. Please be patient as we learn of these schedule changes. We will update you as best we can via facebook, the **church website**, signs at the church, announcements or even the bulletin when able. Thank you for your understanding.

DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Giver of all good things, Your Son told us to beg You to send workers into Your rich harvest, and so we have the confidence to ask You to raise up an abundance of priests in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Send us good and holy men to respond to your call to lay down their lives in service to Your people. We know that the Church comes from the Eucharist and that the Eucharist comes from priests. Therefore, Gracious God, send us priests to build up Your church, through Jesus who is High Priest and Lord forever and ever. Amen Amen.



IHM FALL DINNER

At IHM Catholic Church, Currie, MN

Sunday, September 13, 2026

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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On Sunday, August 30th the motorcycle group "Prayer Zone Partners" will be at the High School on the east side by the flag to offer prayers for school children for their school year, their safety and well-being. Listen to KDOM radio station for a tentative time to come and pray with them.



FOLLOW

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24B

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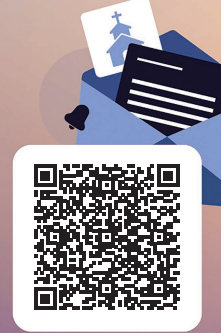
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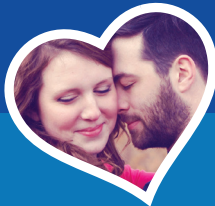
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